



Request for Applications

In order to promote health equity research and to train diverse early career researchers, the Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health is pleased to support doctoral and postdoctoral trainees engaged in projects addressing health inequities within and outside of the United States. The Global Alliance for Training in Health Equity Research (GATHER) program provides an immersive research experience designed to advance training and research on health disparities within and across global cities.

As a fellow in our inaugural cohort, you will:

- Travel to Philadelphia for the Reimagining Health in Cities Symposium and GATHER Launch Event
- Receive skills-based research training via workshops and seminars
- Be matched with faculty mentors in the US and at one of our global sites based on goals and research interests
- Travel to one of the following four global sites for 1-3 months for an immersive research experience:
 - **Brazil:** Observatory for Urban Health in Belo Horizonte (OSUBH), Federal University of Minas Gerais
 - **Mexico:** National Institute of Public Health (INSP)
 - **Burkina Faso:** Higher Institute of Population Sciences (ISSP), University of Ouagadougou
 - **Kenya:** African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC)
- Travel to hosted conferences and cross-cohort events to facilitate development of relevant and supportive professional networks

Award

Up to 8 trainees will be funded for a six- to nine-month fellowship beginning in September 2019. Trainees will receive a stipend, housing/living allowance during their stay at a global site, support for travel to global sites, symposium and launch event, and to conferences/cross-cohort events, and additional support for language classes as needed.

How to Apply

To be eligible for the GATHER training program you must:

1. Be a US citizen or have permanent resident status in the US.
2. Identify as belonging to a health disparities population, as defined by the NIH:
NIH-designated U.S. health disparity populations include Blacks/African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, American Indians/Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, socioeconomically disadvantaged populations, underserved rural populations, and sexual and gender minorities.

More information on the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities and these definitions can be found at <https://www.nimhd.nih.gov/about/overview/>.

Additionally:

- If you are applying for the **Doctoral Fellowship**, you must be:
 - An advanced doctoral student enrolled in a doctoral program who is either finished or nearing completion of required coursework (anticipated to graduate in 2020-2022)

- If you are applying for the **Post-Doctoral Fellowship**, you must be:
 - Recently graduated (2017-2019) from a doctoral program and available to commit to full-time research and professional development during the fellowship

All applications must be submitted via the [online application form](#) which includes:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of Support from a current faculty mentor
- 500-word statement outlining your research interests and goals for the program (this will be used to facilitate mentor and site matching)

Timeline of Program

August 4, 2019	Application Deadline
August 12, 2019	Notification to applicants
September 5-6, 2019	Reimagining Health in Cities Symposium in Philadelphia, PA
September 9-12, 2019	GATHER Launch Event in Philadelphia, PA
September 2019 – December 2019	Work with mentors to create an Individual Development Plan (relocation to Philadelphia is not required)
October 2019 – March 2020	Virtual seminars on Health Equity Research (at least monthly)
February 2020 – May 2020	Travel to Global Site
June 2020	End of Year 1

****There will be opportunities to stay engaged through post-fellowship activities such as conference travel or cross-cohort events*

For questions please contact Vaishnavi Vaidya, MPH at vgv24@drexel.edu.

Institutional Sites

Below you will find more detailed information about the lead organization and each of our four global sites. If you have language-related or substantive interest in any of these four sites, please include relevant information in the “Additional Information” section of the application form.

Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health (Lead Organization)

The mission of the Dornsife School of Public Health is to provide education, conduct research, and partner with communities and organizations to improve the health of populations. The School views health as a human right and has a special commitment to improving health in cities, eliminating health disparities, and promoting health in all policies. Improving population health requires a fundamental commitment to social justice and the elimination of inequities in health. The goal of improving population health also cannot be achieved without meaningful and sustained partnerships. The School is committed to providing rigorous evidence and training, to building equitable partnerships, and to translating knowledge into actions that improve population health and reduce health inequities.

Observatory for Urban Health in Belo Horizonte (OSUBH), Federal University of Minas Gerais

OSUBH's mission is to build workforce capacity in population health research and to conduct urban-themed studies that can drive planning for improving urban health, especially in the intense urbanization areas associated with intra-urban inequalities. Ongoing research projects at OSUBH focus on the acquisition of advanced knowledge on urban health through scientific research, to contribute to public policies that may affect health, both at individual and community levels.

National Institute of Public Health (INSP)

The mission of the INSP is to contribute to social equity and the full realization of the right to health protection through the generation and dissemination of knowledge, state-of-the-art training of human resources, and innovation in multidisciplinary research in order to develop evidence-based public policies. The INSP is focused on competency-based education, offering continuing education through multiple formats (online, executive and combined), reorganized research to become mission-oriented, and developed public health services that are linked to scientific results from INSP research projects.

Higher Institute of Population Sciences (ISSP), University of Ouagadougou

The core mission of ISSP is to develop national and regional capacity for analysis of population science, including monitoring and evaluation of health and social policy programs. The robust research and established training programs of ISSP contribute to the institutional and technical capacity of the University of Ouagadougou in demography and research in the field of population health. The ISSP runs an urban-based longitudinal demographic and health surveillance system in Ouagadougou, the capital city of Burkina Faso.

African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC)

APHRC's mission is to generate evidence, strengthen research capacity and engage policy to inform action on population health and wellbeing. Research programs at APHRC include urbanization and wellbeing in Africa, maternal and child wellbeing, health and systems for health, education and youth empowerment, and aging and development. The Center runs an urban-based longitudinal demographic and health surveillance systems in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya, and hosts the Consortium for Advanced Research Training in Africa (CARTA) and the African Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship (ADDRF) programs that have supported hundreds of pre- and postdoctoral fellows across Africa.

Faculty Mentors

Below you will find brief descriptions of each of our faculty mentors. If you have preferences for being matched with any specific mentor or if you have an existing relationship with a mentor, please indicate as such in the “Additional Information” section of the application form.

Name	Institution	Role(s)	Research Interests
Gina Lovasi, PhD, MPH Dornsife Associate Professor of Urban Health	Drexel University, Dornsife School of Public Health	GATHER MPI Advisory Committee Faculty Mentor	Urban health, cardiovascular disease and retail environment, spatial analysis, built environment, informal communities
Alex Ezeh, PhD Dornsife Professor of Global Health	Drexel University, Dornsife School of Public Health	GATHER MPI Advisory Committee Faculty Mentor	Global/International Health, reproductive and sexual health, urban health
Ana V. Diez Roux, MD, PhD, MPH Distinguished University Professor of Epidemiology	Drexel University, Dornsife School of Public Health	Advisory Committee Faculty Mentor	Social epidemiology, urban health, complex systems, multilevel methods
Félice Lê-Scherban, PhD, MPH Assistant Professor of Epidemiology	Drexel University, Dornsife School of Public Health	Advisory Committee Faculty Mentor	Intergenerational influences, childhood adversity, educational and community contributions to health disparities
Ana Martinez-Donate, PhD, MPH Associate Professor of Community Health and Prevention	Drexel University, Dornsife School of Public Health	Advisory Committee Faculty Mentor	Latino immigrant health, social ecological framework, community-based interventions
Suruchi Sood, PhD Associate Professor of Community Health and Prevention	Drexel University, Dornsife School of Public Health	Advisory Committee Faculty Mentor	Health communication, entertainment-education, global health
Waleska Teixeira Caiaffa, MD, PhD Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health	Observatory for Urban Health in Belo Horizonte (OSUBH) <i>Brazil</i>	Advisory Committee Faculty Mentor Global Site Partner	Urban inequalities, evaluation of city and neighborhood-level policy/interventions, social determinants of health
Tonatiuh Barrientos Gutiérrez Researcher in Medical Sciences	National Institute of Public Health (INSP) <i>Mexico</i>	Advisory Committee Faculty Mentor Global Site Partner	Occupational, environmental and social epidemiology; drug, alcohol and tobacco use in work environments; exposure measurement and statistical modeling of environmental data
Abdrmane B. Soura Professor, Director of ISSP	Higher Institute of Population Sciences, University of Ougadougou (ISSP) <i>Burkina Faso</i>	Advisory Committee Faculty Mentor Global Site Partner	Health promotion, health disparities, quantitative and longitudinal data analyses, communicable diseases
Catherine Kyobutungi, PhD, MS Executive Director of APHRC	African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC) <i>Kenya</i>	Advisory Committee Faculty Mentor Global Site Partner	Migrant health, community participation in health, epidemiology of non-communicable diseases

Hedwig Lee, PhD Professor, Department of Sociology	Washington University in St. Louis	Advisory Committee Faculty Mentor Recruitment Partner	Health disparities, population health, race and ethnicity, social demography, social stratification/inequality
Belinda L. Needham, PhD Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology Co-Director, Center for Social Epidemiology and Population Health	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	Advisory Committee Faculty Mentor Recruitment Partner	Racial/ethnic, socioeconomic, gender, sexual orientation health disparities; social structural, psychological, behavioral and physiological mechanisms of social disadvantage
Olivia Affuso, PhD Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology Associate Scientist in the UAB Nutrition Obesity Research and the Center for Exercise Medicine	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Advisory Committee Faculty Mentor Recruitment Partner	Obesity and chronic disease prevention, physical activity, measuring body composition
Kristie Lancaster, PhD, MS, RD Associate Professor Director, Graduate Nutrition Program	New York University	Advisory Committee Faculty Mentor Recruitment Partner	Cultural, psychosocial and environmental influences on dietary behaviors; cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and obesity in vulnerable communities
Scarlett L. Bellamy, ScD Professor of Biostatistics	Drexel University, Dornsife School of Public Health	Faculty Mentor	Statistical methods, HIV, cardiovascular health, lung injury and transplantation, critical care
Usama Bilal, MD, MPH, PhD Assistant Professor in Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Urban Health Collaborative	Drexel University, Dornsife School of Public Health	Faculty Mentor	Neighborhood social and physical contexts, large-scale societal influences on health cardiovascular disease, tobacco and alcohol use
Jane E. Clougherty, ScD Associate Professor in Environmental and Occupational Health	Drexel University, Dornsife School of Public Health	Faculty Mentor	Combined health effects of social factors and air pollution exposures, spatial variation of air pollutants
Anneclaire J. De Roos, PhD, MPH Associate Professor in Environmental and Occupational Health	Drexel University, Dornsife School of Public Health	Faculty Mentor	Chemicals and radiation as cancer risk factors, autoimmune diseases, intermediate biologic effects
Ali K. Groves, PhD Assistant Professor in Community Health and Prevention	Drexel University, Dornsife School of Public Health	Faculty Mentor	Social and structural factors that affect sexual and reproductive health, gender inequality, HIV, intimate partner violence
Jessie Kemmick Pintor, PhD, MPH Assistant Professor in Health Management and Policy	Drexel University, Dornsife School of Public Health	Faculty Mentor	Mixed methods health services research, immigration and healthcare policy, disparities in access to care and quality of care
Shiriki K. Kumanyika, PhD, MPH Research Professor in Community Health and Prevention	Drexel University, Dornsife School of Public Health	Faculty Mentor	Nutrition-related chronic disease risks, black American health inequity

Stephen Lankenau, PhD Professor in Community Health and Prevention	Drexel University, Dornsife School of Public Health	Faculty Mentor	Substance use and misuse, homelessness, HIV/AIDS, overdose, ethnography
Jonathan Purtle, DrPH, MPH Assistant Professor in Health Management and Policy	Drexel University, Dornsife School of Public Health	Faculty Mentor	Dissemination and implementation science, mental health policy, health services research
James Stimpson, PhD Professor in Health Management and Policy	Drexel University, Dornsife School of Public Health	Faculty Mentor	Data-driven policy change, social determinants of population health and inequalities
Jennifer Taylor, PhD, MPH Associate Professor of Environmental and Occupational Health	Drexel University, Dornsife School of Public Health	Faculty Mentor	Injury prevention and control, occupational health and safety, first responder and healthcare employee safety